

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2261

ANSWERED ON:15.12.2008

SAINIK SCHOOLS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has sufficient funds for running the Sainik Schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for decline in standard of education in these schools;
- (c) whether the per capita expense for a student in the school is being made up by fee from the students alone;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to improve the standard to emoluments to the teaching and non-teaching staff of Sainik Schools?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2261 FOR ANSWER ON 15.12.2008

Sainik Schools have been conceived as financially self sustaining institutions. A Major portion of the recurring expenditure is met out by the fees payable by the parents. The State Governments are responsible for the creation/maintenance of physical infrastructure and meeting a portion of the recurring expenditure. The State Governments award scholarships on merit-cum-means basis to the boys of their respective States. As far as the Union Government is concerned, a budget provision of Rs. 17.60 crore exists under Defence Service Estimates to meet expenditure on subsidies towards fee and dietary charges, incentives for cadets joining the National Defence Academy, scholarships to wards of Defence personnel/ex-servicemen and training grants to these Schools. Besides, an amount of Rs. 44 crore @ Rs. 2 crore for each of the 22 Sainik Schools that were functional as on 29.2.2008 has been provided in the Union Budget for the year 2008-09 for improvement of infrastructure of these schools.

There has been a constant improvement in the academic standards of Sainik Schools. A statement showing this trend is enclosed as Annexure. With a view to maintain the academic standards in Sainik Schools, an elaborate programme of in service training to the teachers and competition oriented training for the cadets is being implemented with the assistance of experts from the Services and professional educational institutions/bodies. The Ministry of Defence also provides training grants to the schools with a view to upgrade Training infrastructure and skills.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court, in its judgment delivered on 4.10.1988 in W.P. No. 1219 of 1987 filed by All India Sainik School Employees Association, had clarified that Sainik School employees are a class by themselves and can neither be treated as Central Government employee nor at par with Kendriya Vidyalayas. Under the present dispensation, the payment of salaries and pensions of Sainik School employees are met from the local resources generated.